GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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DEAD STOCK OF FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that after reducing the fertilizer subsidy different types of fertilizers in lakhs of tonnes are lying as dead stock; and

(b) If so, the details in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. The entire requirement of urea, which is the only controlled fertilizer, is met through allocation under Essential Commodities Act and the demand of other fertilizers, being decontrolled, is met through market forces of demand and supply. There is no dead stock. However, at any given time, some stock, in varying degree, always remains in the field and in transit but the actual quantity of such stock depends on demand-supply scenario during the respective month.